

THE STATE CAPITAL.

HENRY BERGH'S EXTRAORDINARY BILL.

Reorganization of the State Treasury.

Another Erie Classification Act Threatened.

Repeal of the Industrial Exhibition Appropriation—The Expenditures for Sinking the Track of the Fourth Avenue Railroad—The Britton Case.

ALBANY, Feb. 9, 1874.

Mr. Henry Bergh's bill, introduced by Mr. Wagstaff in the Assembly, and overhauled today in the Senate, is the most clumsily contrived document that ever was sent into the Legislature. It must have been drawn up by one of Mr. Bergh's dumb and superannuated pets. If it passed, as it stands, it would give the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals absolute and arbitrary authority over the lower order of creation in New York city. Should a horse be deemed unfit for work by the officers of the society, sanctioned by the council of any two "respectable citizens" to be met casually in the neighborhood of said horse, power would be given them to take the animal forthwith and relieve him from mundane misery by dooming him to death, and if information was furnished the society of any acts being about to be violated inside of any building its officers were to have authority to enter there, search the premises and make arrests. In this way no man's dwelling would be safe from the visitation of Bergh's officers. The bill further provides that in case any person so arrested has a vehicle in charge, the agent of the society shall take possession of such vehicle and its contents. Under such a provision an innocent person, riding in an omnibus to which a diseased horse happened to be attached, might find himself in the hands of the police. Senators Johnson and

portioned to that city and county, with interest, either by issuing bonds or including it in the tax levy for 1874. The Board shall also provide for the State tax for 1874. The statement of the amount of assessment for each county, as far as fixed by the State Board of Equalization, shall be certified by said Board and deposited with the State Comptroller as soon as completed, and on or before the 10th of September in each year. The Comptroller shall immediately ascertain the proportion of the State tax each county shall pay, and inform the county clerks and chairman of each Board of Supervisors, on or before the 15th of September of the same year.

The other sections of the bill make provisions for the Board of supervisors of the city and county of New York of the assessment, and for their action thereon in the months of September and November. The usual provisions follow regarding the collection of the tax.

PRIZE PACKAGES.

By Mr. SCHIFFERDICKER—Providing that any person who shall sell any package of cigars, or any other commodity represented to contain a prize or money of any article of value, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days.

By Mr. MELVIN—Providing that in all proceedings before the surrogate's Court, all parties having a right to appear therein by attorney, and all parties in proceedings before the surrogate's Court, may be made up by the attorney. Surrogates may grant allowances in lieu of costs to the parties in proceedings before the surrogate's Court, and may make up by the attorney.

REORGANIZATION OF THE STATE TREASURY.

By Mr. ALBANY—Providing that the State Comptroller of the State and the State Treasurer, and the State Auditor of the Canal Department, shall be organized into a single office, and shall be known as the State Treasurer. The State Comptroller of the State and the State Auditor of the Canal Department, shall be organized into a single office, and shall be known as the State Treasurer. The State Comptroller of the State and the State Auditor of the Canal Department, shall be organized into a single office, and shall be known as the State Treasurer.

THE BRITTON CASE.

To explain the delay of the Governor in rendering a decision on the Britton case, it is stated that this evening that evidence of a fabricated character has been found in the papers laid before his Excellency, and a decision favorable to Britton is anticipated.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Feb. 9, 1874.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented a petition from citizens of New York, asking that mortgages be exempt from taxation.

Mr. LORD presented a petition asking that the right of suffrage be conferred upon women.

Mr. ROBERTSON reported a bill to fix the fees of coroners. He also introduced a bill to define and punish the obtaining of employment in positions of trust over false and untrue statements.

Mr. WOOD said, as there was a question raised as to the power, under the constitution, of the Comptroller to borrow the money necessary for going on with the work of the State, he moved a resolution in the bill passed on Friday last, to move a reconsideration, and that the motion lay on the table.

Mr. PARMENTER introduced a bill to amend the railroad act.

Mr. ALBANY introduced a bill to amend the law relating to the State Comptroller.

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OBITUARY.

David Friederich Strauss, the Theologian.

A cable telegram from Berlin, dated in the German capital yesterday, 9th inst., reports as follows: "David Friederich Strauss, the eminent German theologian, is dead." David Friederich Strauss was, as a theologian, one of the most remarkable men of the age, his great work, the "Life of Christ," having excited a commotion in the Christian world little inferior in its intensity to that which has been since produced by the promulgation of the dogma of Papal infallibility. He was born at Ludwigsburg, in Wurtemberg, on the 27th of June, in the year 1808, and was, consequently, in the sixtieth year of his age at his death. He completed his collegiate studies at Tubingen, and was ordained to the service of the Church in the year 1833. He had become a member of the Seminary of Heilbronn, but quitted the institution shortly afterwards in order to finish his theological studies at Berlin. He was a member of the Hegelian philosophy and returned to Tubingen, where he became tutor in a theological academy. Strauss remained at Tubingen until 1840, when he was appointed to the chair of theology in the University of Bonn. He was a member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences, and was a member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences. He was a member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences, and was a member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences.

Commander John Waters, United States Navy.

A rumor has been about for some time of the death of this officer. It has just been confirmed by report to the HERALD, and we publish the following sketch of his life and services.

John Waters was born in the State of Michigan, January 5, 1831. Having shown great aptitude for the profession of a sailor, he was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy, from that State, February 12, 1846, and joined the sloop-of-war Saratoga, serving in that vessel during the Mexican war in the years 1846-1848, participating in the different engagements and expeditions, at Alvarado, Tampico, Tuxtepec, Tampico and the capture of the city of Vera Cruz.

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